

Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC) AGENDA

December 15, 2023

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Via ZOOM

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance: Sara Whitcomb, Joseph Krupczynski, Sigrid Schmalzer, Simone Flynn, Heidi Bauer-Clapp, Remy Housley, Isabel Espinal, Elena Carbone, Karen Shultz Battistoni, Lisa Troy, Hyeyoung Park

Short/quick members introductions and/or check-ins (as/if needed.)

II. LOGISTICS

a. Review/Approve Minutes from November 17, 2023 FSPEOC Meeting

-Minutes Approved

b. Review Agenda

III. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

a. Council Sub-Committees updates:

· Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee

- Met on December 1, planned for the call and action steps for January
- Applications will go into InfoReady
- Focused on Timeline of the process (January 26 information session, March 8 submission, April Review, May Honors Dinner)
 - o Mid-December getting application ready and contact Provost for approval and Leyla to put call on OFD website (Sara did this)
 - o Mid-January call will go out again
 - o January 26-we need to move to zoom so OFD can support it (committee can determine if they want to host a watch party)
 - o ORD offered to reach out to peer reviewers to keep the peer review step of the process in place
 - o Hyeyoung reached out to panelists and research, teaching awardees are available to come to information session

- o Encourage everyone to share the information about the info session and awards to our networks
 - o Committee can plan next subcommittee meeting and determine who will be chair of the committee
- Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee
 - Joseph has sent out a scheduling poll to task force
 - Should have an update after a January meeting
- New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee
 - Joseph will add Heidi formally through the Faculty Senate process
- Community Partnership Sub-Committee
 - Sigrid reported that they had a meeting
 - Continue work with grassroots community organizers to connect with UMasss more formally (stipends, tuition waivers for community organizers, and part-time staff to help organize this)
 - o Brainstormed where to look for potential hosts of this work
 - o Lydia Rivera Early-Springfield Center Director might be a good person to discuss and see if the Center could be the host
 - o Rose will look into foundation funding to support this work
 - David Glassberg, Rose Smith, Terre Parker, Joseph, Sigrid, Millie Thayer, Steve Fernandez were in attendance
 - Will meet again first week of classes

New Business:

- Joseph mentioned that there is a regular Community-Engagement Meeting (3rd Thursday from 3-5) that will occur at the Springfield Center for folks engaging in community-based research. Joseph will reach out to Center Director to see if others from this committee can attend
- Isabel will work toward getting a campus climate grant from DEI office to host a workshop to discuss challenges with DEI work for hired staff
 - o OFD might also have some information in thinking about this work
- Joseph and Isabel had (separate) opportunities to meet with Chancellor and discussed CESL, engaged research as part of tenure consideration, and this council.

- o Linda Tropp and others wrote a document focused on consideration of engagement work within tenure standards
- o Getting engagement in AFR was an important first step, and Nancy Cohen worked toward developing the engagement framework.
 - How to train early career faculty to present work to highlight what community-engaged research is (would be a great mutual mentoring grant!)
 - How to communicate to external reviewers that community-engaged work is valued here
 - MSP putting together list of bargaining items now—the idea of putting the value of community engagement in letter that goes out to external reviewers—could they help with this?--Sigrid will explore if this is appropriate channel
 - Collecting current artifacts/documents on campus related to engagement (such as provost tenure letter) will also be helpful for Task Force